

SPORTS AS THE EXPERTS SEE THEM

THE ALL AMERICAN ELEVEN FOR SEASON OF 1915

ALL AMERICAN FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1915.

Left end.....	Higgins	Penn State
Left tackle.....	Gilman	Harvard
Left guard.....	Spears	Dartmouth
Center.....	Peck	Pittsburgh
Right guard.....	White	Wisconsin
Right tackle.....	Buck	Cornell
Right end.....	Shelton	Cornell
Quarterback.....	Barrett, captain	Cornell
Left halfback.....	Maulbetsch	Michigan
Right halfback.....	Anderson	Colgate
Fullback.....	Mahan	Harvard

By TOMMY CLARK.

FOLLOWING one of the most successful years football has had in the last decade, the time has arrived to honor the gridiron men who have done the most consistent playing in the season's games by placing them on an All American one, which on paper appears invincible. The team properly conditioned and coached will in team play take any other eleven easily into camp.

The stars on this eleven have not been selected for their playing in any one contest, but they have been honored more because of the value they have been to their respective teams in every contest.

In making the choices the writer not only gathered his information by being a spectator, but data were gathered

good running back and a fullback who can hit the line for a yard or two when this distance is needed on a fourth down, while the other halfback should combine as far as possible end running and line smashing ability. It is needless to add that the three backs should be proficient in heading interference.

In considering offensive play, especially under the present rules, a team must be fortified with a kicker who can boot goals from the field or punt with accuracy and for distance. This team with Mahan or Barrett would be prepared to attempt to score points by the aerial route if other means of gaining ground failed.

Ends.

For end positions Higgins of Penn State is placed at one wing and Shelton of Cornell at the other. The former is one of the best ends developed in the past two seasons. The Penn State is a powerful defensive player of that type who always turns a play in so that one of his teammates can nab the runner. He covered punts in flawless fashion.

Shelton showed up remarkably well in all Cornell's games this season. With Higgins and Shelton on the ends of the line a team would have trouble to make consistent headway by driving off the tackles or running the ends.

Other star wings who showed to advantage on the gridiron this season are Brown, Princeton; Davis, Iowa; Heyman, Washington and Jefferson; Chamberlain, Nebraska; Herrold, Pittsburgh; Eckley, Cornell; Soucy, Harvard; Rau, Wisconsin; Sauter, Illinois; Quisenberry, Minnesota; Whiting, Chicago; Elward, Notre Dame, and Highley, Princeton.

Tackles.

Gilman of Harvard and Buck of Wisconsin should be the unanimous selection for tackles this year on the All American. Gilman shone brilliantly in all of Harvard's games in which he participated and particularly those games against Princeton and Yale. He was the best player in the crimson for forward wall, and it was not an unusual occurrence to see him go to the other side of the line to tackle the runner when plays were sent off that side. Buck is the greatest tackle the west has produced in many years. There is little about line play which this player does not know. Gilman and Buck would surely make a wonderful pair of tacklers on an All American team. As both have played more than one season of college football, their experience would stand them in good stead. Other worthy tacklers are Witherspoon, Washington and Jefferson; McLean, Princeton; Blacklock, Michigan Aggies; Shull, Chicago; Rundquist, Illinois; Gillies, Cornell; Cory, Nebraska; Doty, Illinois; Hausner, Minnesota; Abel, Colgate; Wood, Penn State; Weyand, Army; Gilman, Navy, and Halsey, Princeton.

Guards.

Spears of Dartmouth is given one guard position and White of Syracuse the other. Spears is the greatest guard produced since the days of the brook of Michigan. A famous expert in talking to the writer about Spears and his playing against Harvard said:

"Fred is the greatest man in his position this year. In his street clothes he may pass for a 'fat boy,' as they call the type in football, but on the football field he is the liveliest 'fat boy' you



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NED MAHAN, HARVARD'S GREAT BACK.

ever saw. In the Harvard game he was a regular Truxton Harb—here, there and everywhere, keen and alert, doing something all the time and carrying his 220 pounds around as if they were no more than 150. If he turned a hair or panted for a breath after all his activity I could not observe it from the stand. Moreover, he impressed you that he was having a good time all the afternoon."

Schlachter of Syracuse was considered a marvel along with his side partner, White, but in the Dartmouth-Syracuse game Spears played rings around Schlachter. White, with his 254 pounds, was a stone wall on the defense and a power on the offense for the Salt City boys all season. He is a player who

is quick to take up plays, and he moved to the points of attack with speed and stopped plays before much ground had been gained.

Peck at Center.

There was a merry little three-cornered fight on for the mythical job of All American center. The batters were Peck of Pittsburgh, McEwan of the Army and Cool of Cornell. The first two battled for the honors last year, and McEwan won out by a slight margin. He got more votes than did Peck, but it was predicted at the time that another year of experience for Peck would enable him to pass McEwan in the race. Peck surely has developed. McEwan has shown up in fine style, too, but with a poor team behind him

he has not shone so brilliantly as he did last year. Cool is a sterling player and has been one of the big factors in Cornell's great showing, but he is rather light. That's his big handicap.

Peck is given the position. He possesses all the necessary qualifications for the job as middle man on the All American. He was the most accurate passer of the ball among the above mentioned trio. Considering the fact that Pittsburgh employed many different formations, Peck's work was remarkable. He was equally effective on the defense and generally mixed in every play.

Barrett Star Quarter.

Charles Barrett of Cornell, who was the general selection as All American

quarterback last year, has clinched the job again this year and is also made captain of the eleven.

Barrett is one of the greatest quarterbacks who ever stepped out on a gridiron. He is Mahan's only rival as the individual star of the east this year. Many believe he surpasses the Harvard man in the brilliancy of his play.

Barrett was picked by practically every one but Walter Camp last year as all eastern quarterback. There is no question of his choice for that position this year. He is head and shoulders over every quarter in the country, including the spectacular Ewing of Penn State.

The Cornell captain leads all backs in the east by a large margin in scoring touchdowns. He has accounted for over twenty. He shot over the line for the tally that beat Harvard. Barrett was responsible for eighteen points of the twenty-four Cornell rolled up against Penn.

For halfback positions Maulbetsch of Michigan and Anderson of Colgate are the selections. The "human bullet," as Maulbetsch is called, is one of the greatest halfbacks ever developed. He hits the line harder than any man who has played on the gridiron for ten years. It didn't seem possible in the minds of the football enthusiasts for a man to smash into a line of human bodies with the force that Maulbetsch uses and come out of the game without a broken neck.

The way that Maulbetsch rammed the husky Harvard line in that Harvard-Michigan game is still talked about in eastern football circles.

In that game against Harvard Michigan gained almost twice as much ground as did Harvard, and Maulbetsch did four-fifths of the ground gaining for the western eleven. Never since the days of Heaton has any one witnessed bucking of the kind that Maulbetsch showed during the first period of that game and again in the third period. His gains weren't puny one and two yard affairs. They ranged from five yards to twelve yards almost every time he carried the ball.

But it wasn't in the Harvard game alone that Maulbetsch performed in brilliant style. In all the other games in which Michigan has figured this year Maulbetsch has been the greatest ground gainer.

Other back field men who helped make season history are Hastings of Pittsburgh, Flood, the Chicago full back; Mayer, Virginia; Spigel of Notre Dame, Shiverick of Cornell, Gordon of Michigan, McGreight of Washington and Jefferson, Ewing of Penn State, Taiman of Rutgers, Macomber of Illinois, Spiegel of Washington and Jefferson, Winters of Ohio State, Briggs and Tibbott of Princeton and Oliphant of the Army.

Anderson of Colgate, that Mercury-like person, was faster than all ends. He hit the line with the power of Heaton, and he has been the main reason for Colgate's great showing this year. Macomber of Illinois ranks as one of the greatest halfbacks the west ever produced. Ditto for Eugene of Illinois and Spiegel of W. and J.

For fullback Mahan of Harvard is the unanimous selection. The leader of the 1915 crimson eleven can do anything in football, and do it well too. He is a wonderful punter, sure drop kicker, great in open field, a runner, fast on dashes around ends and a good line breaker.

Over the past three years Mahan's phenomenal work has gone far toward keeping the crimson in the lead of all other colleges. In this time Mahan has been the most feared man on the gridiron. He has always a constant threat to the opposition. Ask any Yale or Princeton man who played Harvard in the last three years whom he feared most, Mahan or Brickley, and the answer will always be Mahan. Erickson could make only three points at a time. There was no telling when the phantom-like Mahan would break loose and romp over for a touchdown.

It has been Coach Houghton's method to build the crimson attack around just one man, Brickley, because of the kicking, was the main-spring of the crimson machine, though Mahan frequently had the best booting record in practice. So last season, when Brickley was lost to the team because of sickness, there were many critics who believed Harvard would be easy meat for Princeton and Yale. They failed to reckon on Mahan. Houghton reconstructed the Harvard machine around his star halfback, and the answer was—Harvard 20, Princeton 0; Harvard 36, Yale, 0.

This season Mahan was unanimously elected captain, a just tribute for his remarkable work. He figured comple-



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PECK OF PITTSBURGH.

usually in every game except the Cornell contest. He weakened in this game because his support failed to support him and Harvard lost, 10 to 6.

Mahan rounded out his college career in the Yale game, a fitting climax for a sensational record. The crimson leader alone scored twenty-nine of the forty-one points made against Yale, and he single handed could have collared the bulldog.

For a long time to come crimson players on the eve of their championship battles will be told for inspiration of the deeds of Ned Mahan.

Team Would Be All Powerful.

Such a team as named would be a worthy opponent for any similar eleven in the country. Given plays and coached to perfect team play, it would be a hard aggregation to beat. The players have had the experience to stand the brunt of a hard fought struggle, and the team has been selected after consideration of the play of every member of the best elevens in the country.

European Tennis Stars Now Wielding Guns Instead of Rackets

IT was only a year ago last summer that the tennis public of this country had the privilege of witnessing the internationalists in action as they competed against each other for the honor of challenging the American team, at the time boulders of the famed Davis cup.

A little over a year and the same members that constituted the representative teams of Germany, England, Canada, France and Australasia, who met in friendly competition on the tennis courts at Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston and New York now find themselves fighting each other under conditions not so pleasant and relations not so friendly.

Tennis followers here were fortunate in seeing these great foreign exponents in action before they were called to the front, as many of them never will play again, for those whom the war has not yet obliterated are in peril of their lives each day.

Every international tennis player in this country during the summer months of 1914 is either at the front, in training for the trenches or held as a prisoner by the opposing forces. This, of course, excepts Anthony F. Wilding, whose death has been universally mourned since last spring. Information of these men can only be gleaned by reading foreign and American papers devoted to tennis, which contain extracts of letters written by the players themselves at the seat of war.

Included among those who are still in the English training camps are Captain Mavrogordato of last year's Davis cup team and E. B. Powell, the Canadian captain. F. M. B. Fisher is in London and intends to leave for the front with the spring expedition.

J. O. Parke, the leading English player, has been reported wounded in the Dardanelles fighting. Norman H. Brookes, who, with A. F. Wilding, was instrumental in the removal of the Davis cup in 1914 to Australasia, is reported to be stationed in Cairo, where he is doing Red Cross mission work.

The German pair, Kreuzer and Froltsheim, who were defeated in Pittsburgh in the summer of 1914 by the Australasians, have been transferred from their Gibraltar prison to Yorkshire, in England.

It may be recalled that these men were taken off the vessel on which they sailed for Germany after their elimination in the Davis cup matches. Just off Gibraltar a British ship impeded their progress and claimed all German subjects as hostages of war. As a result of their prolonged sojourn in the states they have never seen their country in arms.

The French champion, Decugis, is reported driving a motorcar at the front, as is also Andre Gobert, a former French champion, who visited this country in 1912.

There have been similar knockouts in the history of the prize ring. Some years ago Frank Childs, one of the hardest hitters in the game, knocked out Bob Armstrong in Cincinnati, and Armstrong, stiff legged, bounded around, the ring absolutely unconscious as the result of an uppercut which Childs had landed on the point of his jaw.

Tom O'Rourke, the famous pugilistic manager, and Tom Sharkey were in Armstrong's corner that night, and both said at the time that it was the most peculiar knockout they had ever seen.

FOOTBALL GAMES THIS SEASON HAVE PRODUCED MANY THRILLS



Photo by American Press Association.

The accompanying illustration shows a scene in the recent Harvard-Princeton game. It appears as if a Tiger warrior is playing leapfrog. Such is not the case, however, but it clearly demonstrates the feverish anxiety of the Princeton men to defeat Harvard, which they failed to do.

Boxers Today Not Equal to Stars of the Past, Says Old Timer

THAT the boxers of today are by no means equal to the stars of the past is the general opinion of old time fight followers, but there are few who can give any logical explanation why this should be so. George Monroe, who was a star in the days of the Horton law in New York, is one of those who have scant respect for the present set, and he accounts for their failure to make good as follows:

"In the old days when I was fighting a boxer received two or three years of hard schooling before he was given a chance to appear in a star bout. Most of them began as amateur boxers, and they worked their way up by hard and consistent fighting in the preliminaries. Nowadays when a novice happens to land a lucky punch some barber will come along and tell him he's a fighter."

"Then the pair will call upon a promoter and demand a main event. The promoter does not ask whether the boxer can fight, but wants to know how many tickets he can sell. If the answer is satisfactory he is signed up with some other youngster who also has agreed to sell a bale of tickets in his neighborhood. Of course neither of the boys knows anything more about fighting than to pull on the gloves and swing from the hip. And they never get

a chance to learn because they have no one to show them anything better.

"That is why you never see a fighter feint his man out and then drop him with a single punch, as they used to do years ago. It's all slaps, bangs and clinch, with neither man having the slightest idea whether he's going to land or miss. They just take a blind chance that they will happen to hit the right spot."

"These fellows who are supposed to be wonderful mixers make me laugh. Because they rush in with their heads down they are given a chance for being aggressive, but most of the time they hit too soon, and then they fall into a clinch without doing any damage. That's not fighting. Any man who constantly goes into clinches is not aggressive, in my way of thinking."

"In my time there were plenty of rushing fighters, as well as the clever ones, who could stand off and shoot over a knockout when an opening appeared, but they never did much clinching. They would keep right on top of their man and try to block his leads or beat him to the punch without ever reaching for a hold or taking a back step, and when they landed with one hand they kept right on hitting until something dropped. There was none of this jab and grab stunt in my time."

IT SOUNDED SOMETHING LIKE THAT

IN one of the once sided varsity games played recently a team which was expected to do well against an eleven representing a larger university made a disappointing showing in the first half, which resulted in a huge score being rolled up. One of the principal causes of the downfall was the atrocious kicking. The captain of the smaller team did the punting. He did not average fifteen yards in the first quarter. While the big team was recovering the ball and converting short kicks into touchdowns in rapid fire order the coach stood speechless on the side lines. Between the quarters a substitute was sent in with orders to do the punting, thereby relieving the captain of his responsibility in this department of play. Between the halves

the coach sharply queried the captain, "Bill," he said, "in the name of common sense, what induced you to do the punting?"

"That's what you told me to do," said the player.

"Told you!" said the coach. "You know you're the best man on the team I'd pick for the job."

"The last thing you said to me was to go back and kick."

During the second half, with his team playing badly, converting short kicks into touchdowns on poor kicks, the coach did some thinking. Then he solved the riddle. Instead of saying, "You go back and kick," he said, "You lay back on kicker." The difference in sense was equal to about twenty points.

MORAN NEXT MAN FOR WILLARD

JESS WILLARD will most likely have to meet Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, in his next battle.

Moran's victory over Coffey, the Irish fighter, recently, undoubtedly gives him the right to be the first to meet the champion, and the fact that he had formerly fought a twenty round bout with Jack Johnson entitled him to special consideration when an opponent for Willard was to be considered.

Coffey did not last long before Moran, suffering a peculiar knockout in the third round while standing on his feet and never going to the floor. There